

Monday, February 13, 1995

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2533–S2581

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 395–398, and S. Res. 77. **Page S2569**

Measures Passed:

Committee Funding: By 91 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 64), Senate agreed to S. Res. 73, authorizing biennial expenditures by committees of the Senate. **Page S2564**

Acknowledgment to Dedication to Law Enforcement Officers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 77, to commemorate and acknowledge the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers. **Pages S2580–81**

Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment: Senate continued consideration of H.J. Res. 1, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States, taking action on amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2538–64**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 236, to protect the Social Security system by excluding the receipts and outlays of Social Security from balanced budget calculations. **Pages S2538–64**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution on Tuesday, February 14, 1995, with a vote on a motion to table the pending amendment to occur at 9:30 a.m. **Page S2581**

Appointments:

Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 86–380, appointed Senator Kempthorne to the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. **Page S2580**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to pro-

vide tax relief for the middle-class; to the Committee on Finance. (PM–17) **Page S2566**

Transmitting the Economic Report of the President; to the Joint Economic Committee. (PM–18) **Pages S2566–68**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Curtis L. Collier, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

67 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. **Page S2581**

Messages From the President: **Pages S2566–68**

Messages From the House: **Page S2568**

Measures Referred: **Page S2568**

Communications: **Pages S2568–69**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S2569–78**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S2578–79**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S2579**

Notices of Hearings: **Page S2579**

Authority for Committees: **Page S2579**

Additional Statements: **Pages S2579–80**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—64) **Page S2564**

Recess: Senate convened at 12 Noon, and recessed at 5:54 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Tuesday, February 14, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2581.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Wilma A. Lewis, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Interior, after the nominee, who was introduced by Virgin Islands Delegate Victor O. Frazer, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 902–924; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 26 were introduced.

Pages H1688–89

Report Filed: One report was filed as follows: H. Res. 83, providing for consideration of H.R. 7, to revitalize the national security of the United States (H. Rept. 104–31).

Page H1688

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Knollenberg to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

Page H1615

Recess: House recessed at 1:04 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Page H1619

Committees To Sit: The Committees on Government Reform and Oversight, Judiciary, Science, Small Business, and Transportation received permission to sit on Tuesday, February 14 during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule.

Page H1638

Local Government Law Enforcement Block Grants: House completed all general debate and began consideration of amendments on H.R. 728, to control crime by providing law enforcement block grants; but came to no resolution thereon. Consideration of amendments will resume on Tuesday, February 14.

Pages H1629–72

Agreed To:

The Schiff amendment that allows local governments to use the funds for local law enforcement block grants to enhance security measures at any facility or location the local government considers to be at risk for crime;

Pages H1641–47

The Schroeder amendment that requires the Attorney General to reserve 1 percent in fiscal years 1996 and 1997 for use by the National Institute of Justice to help local governments modernize and purchase law enforcement technology and equipment;

Pages H1647–48

The Hyde amendment that allows up to \$300 million between fiscal years 1996 and 2000 to be available to the Attorney General for administrative costs; assuring compliance; and for studying the overall effectiveness and efficiency of law enforcement block grants;

Pages H1648–49

The Ackerman amendment that requires State and local governments receiving law enforcement block grants to provide a hiring preference to former members of the Armed Forces who were involuntarily separated or released from active duty on or after October 1, 1990, and who desire to become law enforcement officers with State and local law enforcement agencies;

Page H1649

The Schumer amendment that prohibits local governments from using law enforcement block grants

for consultants, and vehicles not used primarily for law enforcement;

Pages H1649–52

The Wise amendment that authorizes recipients to use block grants to enhance local drug enforcement, crime prevention, and legal assistance activities originally established under the Byrne Program;

Pages H1656–57

The Martini amendment that provides that the Federal share of a grant may not exceed 90 percent of the costs of a program or proposal;

Pages H1657–59

The Chabot amendment that outlines the procedures for resolution of disparate allocations relating to the distribution of funds to state and local governments;

Pages H1664–67

The Menendez amendment that provides that local governments would be eligible for law enforcement block grants in any single year only if the local government's expenditures on law enforcement in the preceding year is no lower than 90 percent of its expenditures in the previous year; and

Page H1671

The Traficant amendment that requires local governments to increase the number of law enforcement officers who perform nonadministrative public safety service in order to receive funds for law enforcement block grants.

Pages H1671–72

The Conyers amendment that provides for payments to local governments for twelve programs of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994.

Pages H1667–71

Rejected:

The Watt amendment that sought to prohibit the use of block grants for the construction or improvement of highways, streets or roads (rejected by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 120);

Pages H1652–55

The Mfume amendment that sought to authorize the Attorney General to make grants to State and local courts and governments for programs that involve continuing judicial supervision over offenders with substance abuse problems who are not violent offenders (rejected by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 266 noes, Roll No. 121); and

Pages H1659–64

H. Res. 79, the rule under which the bill is being considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

Pages H1622–28

Committees To Sit: Agreed to the Arney motion that all Committees of the House and their subcommittees have permission to sit Tuesday, February 14 and the balance of the week during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 123). Agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 122.

Pages H1672–77

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Middle Class Tax Relief: Message wherein he submits proposed legislation entitled "The Middle Class Bill of Rights Tax Relief Act of 1995"—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. No. 104-34); **Page H1677**

Working Wage Increase: Message wherein he submits proposed legislation entitled "The Working Wage Increase Act of 1995"—referred to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities and ordered printed (H. Doc. No. 104-33); and

Pages H1677-78

Economic Report: Message wherein he transmits the Economic Report of the President—referred to the Joint Economic Committee and ordered printed (H. Doc. No. 104-2). **Pages H1678-79**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H1619.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call (Roll No. 119), three recorded votes and one yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House and appear on pages H1654, H1654-55, H1663-64, H1675-76, and H1676-77.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies held a hearing on GAO: Surface Programs. Testimony was heard from Kenneth M. Mead, Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO.

REGULATORY TRANSITION ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Ordered reported amended H.R. 450, Regulatory Transition Act of 1995.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held an oversight hearing on the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from Henry G. Cisneros, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

COMMON SENSE LEGAL REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on Product Liability provisions contained in H.R. 10, Commonsense Legal Reforms Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL SECURITY REVITALIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: By a recorded vote of 9 to 4, granted a modified open rule providing for two hours of general debate on H.R. 7, National Security Revitalization Act of 1995. The rule provides of a 10 hour limit on the amendment process. The rule

makes in order the text of H.R. 872 as an original bill for amendment purposes, which is considered as read. The rule waives clause 5(a) of rule XXI (prohibiting appropriations in a legislative bill) against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. Priority in recognition will be given to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Spence and Chairman Gilman and Representatives Roth, Dellums, and Hamilton.

FEDERAL ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Federal Energy and Environmental Research and Development: Setting New Priorities for the Department of Energy, EPA, and NOAA. Testimony was heard from Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

NASA POSTURE

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a NASA Posture hearing. Testimony was heard from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA; Frank C. Weaver, Director, Commercial Space Transportation, Department of Transportation; and Keith Calhoun-Senghor, Director, Office of Air and Space Commercialization, Department of Commerce.

OVERSIGHT PLANS

Committee on Small Business: Approved oversight plans for the 104th Congress for submission to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight and the Committee on House Oversight.

AMTRAK'S FISCAL CRISIS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads concluded hearings on AMTRAK's Fiscal Crisis. Testimony was heard from Thomas M. Downs, Chairman and President, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK); James H. Burnley, former Secretary of Transportation; and public witnesses.

WELFARE REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources began markup of welfare reform legislation.

Will continue tomorrow.

NEW PUBLIC LAW

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D72)

S. 273, to amend section 61h-6, of title 2, United States Code. Signed February 9, 1995. (P.L. 104-2)